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WASHINGTON, D.C. --- The Southwest Georgia Regional Airport and a project to build a North Leesburg bypass are the benefactors of a new appropriations bill, Congressman Sanford Bishop said Sunday.

The funding will funnel \$500,000 to the Airport to build a new apron which will be the foundation for the facility's new terminal and another \$450,000 to build the North Leesburg bypass.

The following was posted on Bishop's website Sunday:

Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-2) announced today that the Fiscal Year 2011 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill (H.R. 5850) passed the U.S. House of Representatives last night by a vote of 251 to 167. The bill includes funding for two Second District transportation projects: \$500,000 for the Southwest Georgia Regional Airport Apron and Various Improvements, in Albany; and \$450,000 for the North Bypass, in Leesburg.

"This very important bill not only provides support for our nation's infrastructure, highways, airports, and mass-transit systems, but it also provides support for our nation's housing and community development needs, said Congressman Bishop. "Strengthening our communities in Southwest Georgia has been and always will be a top priority for me. I am very pleased that Albany and Leesburg will receive funds to ensure that area transportation needs are being met,

and I look forward to watching these projects as they progress and seeing the positive effects they will have on our communities."